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FOR: "Tampon String Accessory Apparatus"

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is an amendment and response to the notice mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on
October 29, 2001, in the above-referenced application.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

-- 1. Apparatus including:

a tampon having a tampon string, the tampon string having a first end attached to a tampon
and a second, free end distal from the tampon; and

an attachment for the tampon string, the attachment comprising an accessory secured to the
free end of the tampon string, the accessory providing a means for locating the free end of the